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Dear Jim,

We both forgot for you to take the carbon I had made for you after we discussed the steps I have taken in an LSC FOI suit. I enclose the carbon I made for this purpose and a copy of the rejection. In the light of what has happened and the thing I will go into, I'd like you to return the LSC letter after reading and letting Bud read. I must take the steps everybody promises to take to protect my own interests and nobody ever does.

Before you got to Washington, Bud and I have several set-tos because he has used and made available to other what he got from me on the promise that he would neither do this not permit it. It is no secret from you that the conditions of our relationship were that I would work with Bud on a personal basis but not with the CIA., and the reasons are not only not secret but proven correct by history.

Beginning with the first violation of this understanding, and I have no reason not to believe Bud's explanation that he did not do it on purpose, I have been repeatedly promised that what was never to have happened would be corrected, that all my stuff would be removed from CIA files and returned. After this didn't happen and the same kind of thing kept getting repeated, Bud agreed that everything except what he needed for the spectre suit would be returned.

There was a time when Bud agreed to handle a single, enormous suit for me. Pursuant to that and at his request - it was necessary for such a suit, so his request was proper - I spent about two months going over all my files and making copies of my government correspondence. That was worse than a waste because Bud changed his mind. It is irrelevent that he was correct in deciding that one monster suit was the wrong approach, and I certainly do not chide him for not seeing this to begin with. That is little comfort for the waste of two months and the cost of that paper, a considerable cost for us.

I avoid raising this question because it is disagreeable all around. I am always told that you (singular and plural) don't have time. This is untrue, as you all know. It is, rather, that you spend your time on other things. Including what we'd dearly love, vacations. And the perfectly proper making of money, again something we'd like to be able to do. However, you have this to do only because what was done should never have been done. It is not in any way my fault or responsibility. And failure to do it has been hurtful to me, will be again, and if you ever write the kind of letter to your nuts that you have been supposed to, I do not delude myself into believing it can influence the nuts like Sprague. I forgot to show you a report of a speech he made in Chattanooga, if it interests you. I had laid it aside, too, but we didn't get to it.

Now it turns out that also integrated with the CIA files are these papers, or at least some, that Bud got from me when he had agreed to act as my lawyer. Need I tell you how wrong this is, how hurtful I think it can be to me, whether or not you agree, how powerless you are if copies have been made by the zanies who had acces to the files and the specs?

Especially with the present situation and its potential, including that for heavy strain on us and particularly because of the long history of unkept promises to undo what can still be undone, I think it is not unreasonable of me to ask that this be done as a priority project. The longer it is put off, the more difficult it will become and the greater the possibility of further misuse.

It is now apparent that what Gary did came from his use of what you returned a copy of yesterday. I check it out in my own files. So, it is apparent that in even the tortured morality and ethics of Gary and Jerry, the did exactly what I said, exactly what Gary freely admits he had guaranteed not to.

It makes little difference to the victim if he is killed by accident. So, years too late, will you please, finally, get around to doing this? And remember it is supposed to include everything of mine that Bud got from Garrison or others. If you have any doubt, lay what is in question aside and I'll tell you.

I have heard from Lane. If I do not get to answering him by the time I mail this, I will send you a copy. I think after you read what I will write it would be good if you could give him a little direction and suggestions. He seems not to have gone to Lange's yet and that I sent him a letter intended for Harry Kirley.

I am much discouraged by what we do to ourselves, as I am by what I must consider may be the reasons. We need no enemies, no eavesdropping. We supply all ourselves, sincerely,